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PEPTIDE AND PROCESSES FOR  
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS10 ~~Please cancel claims 1-47.~~~~Please add new claims 48-97.~~We claim:15 48. A composition comprising an aqueous solution of at least 0.01 mg/ml of A $\beta$  peptide  
wherein said aqueous solution is maintained at a pH sufficient to solubilize said A $\beta$   
peptide.a1 49. The composition of claim 48, wherein the solution is maintained at such a suitable  
pH by use of an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable buffer.

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50. The composition of claim 48, wherein said A $\beta$  peptide is a long form of A $\beta$  peptide.